



# Annual Report

**Pocatello Fire Department &  
Bannock County Ambulance District  
2022**



## **Our Mission is:**

*"The Pocatello Fire Department's mission is to help people.*

*We are dedicated to preserving life and property through prevention and professional, compassionate response"*

## **Our Vision is:**

*Our vision is to reduce the loss of life and property through innovative approaches, technology, informed decisions, high standards, fiscal responsibility and collaborative relationships.*

# City of Pocatello Fire Station Locations



**14**

Administrative Staff

**59**

Fire Fighters

**19**

BCAD EMS Responders





# 2022 Overview

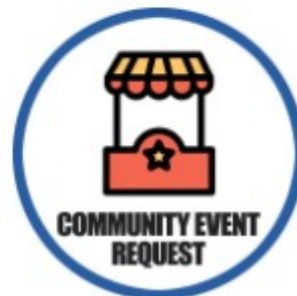
## Key Operations:

- ♦ Fire Suppression
- ♦ Emergency Medical Response
- ♦ Emergency Rescue Response
- ♦ HazMat Response
- ♦ Fire Prevention
- ♦ Fire Investigation
- ♦ Fire Safety and Public Education

## Report Highlights

- ♦ Fire Chief Ryan O'Hearn & Assistant Chief of Operations Shane Grow
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- ♦ BCAD Services
- ♦ Training—Courses and Hours Completed
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  - ⇒ Fire Education—WUI Area
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- ♦ Awards, Promotions & Recognition

## Services



For more information about the Pocatello Fire Department, visit [pocatello.us/189/Fire](https://pocatello.us/189/Fire).

# New Staff Positions

## Fire Chief



It is my privilege to present the 2022 annual report for the Pocatello Fire Department and Bannock County Ambulance District. This year marked the busiest year on record for our organization.

We had many great accomplishments in 2022. One was the naloxone leave-behind program that we started to help address the opioid crisis our nation is facing. We are also extremely proud of our dispatchers for achieving ACE accreditation. We had the opportunity to support citizens in Salmon, ID and surrounding communities by sending personnel to assist on the Moose Fire.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide fire, EMS, and other services to our communities in 2022. We look forward to 2023. Thank you for your support.

## Assistant Fire Chief of Operations



I am excited to serve the citizens as the Assistant Fire Chief. I have 20 years experience with the Pocatello Fire Department. I have held every rank through the department.

I have learned lots in my short tenure as Assistant Chief. I have held this position since April and am working hard to get up to speed.

I grew up in Pocatello, graduated from Highland High School, and received a degree from ISU. I look forward to contributing to positive change in the department, and providing excellent customer service to the citizens we serve.

# Financial Report

<b>FY2022 Fire Budget</b>	<b>Approved Budget (Including Amendments)</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percentage Expended</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$9,101.920</b>	<b>\$8,385,400</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
Labor Budget	\$7.730M	\$7,033,324	99.8%
Operational Budget	\$1.370M	\$1,352,076	91.2%

<b>FY2022 BCAD Budget</b>	<b>Approved Budget (Including Amendments)</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Percentage Expended</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$4,129,406</b>	<b>\$4,046,343</b>	<b>98%</b>
Labor Budget	\$3.529M	\$3,391,407	96.5%
Operational Budget	\$616K	\$654,935	106.5%

## Fund 078 Fire Budget Transfers:

ICCU Donation—Brush Truck Purchase	\$170,565.32
City of Pocatello—Brush Truck Purchase	\$170,565.32
Fire Prevention Vehicle	\$25,000
AFG Award—Brush Truck	\$120,719.09
PFD AFG Brush Truck Match	\$49,846.23
AFG Match—Extrication Equipment	\$5,000
Station Pre-Alerting System	\$120,000

## Grant Funding Awarded:

AFG PFD: Wildland Brush Truck	\$120,719.09
AFG PFD: Extrication Equipment	\$48,910.90
AFG BCAD: Ambulance Auto Loader System	\$21,824.41
Idaho EMS BCAD: Ambulance Auto Loader	\$40,000

# Operations Report

**Increasing Call Volumes:** The PFD has experienced a significant call volume increase in 2021 and 2022. A record of 9093 calls were logged in 2022.

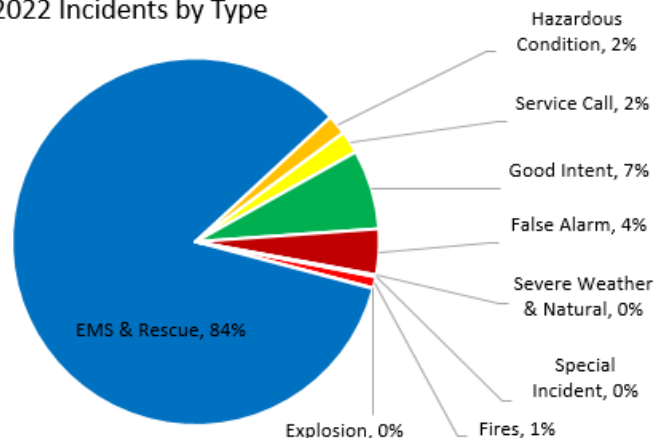
## NEW Wildland Engines:

The City of Pocatello and PFD is expecting three new Wildland Engines to serve the Pocatello Community. One of the Wildland Engines was purchased with the assistance from the FEMA—AFG Grant Award in the amount of \$120,720. The City also received fund donations from Idaho Central Credit Union towards the purchase of one Wildland Engine and the City matched that donation.

**Property Saved:** The PFD's quick response to fires continues to save millions of dollars in property each year within the Pocatello Community. FY2022 had a saved value of \$57,892,766, which is 98.2% of the reported Pre-Incident Values.

## Department Data:

FY2022 Incidents by Type



## Incidents Per Year:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
7934	7810	7866	8372	9093

Total Property Loss/Saved - All Incidents:				
FY	Pre-Incident \$ Value	Loss \$ Value	Saved \$ Value	% Saved
18	66,325,076	4,168,981	62,156,095	93.7%
19	49,548,129	262,110	49,286,019	99.5%
20	20,252,745	693,651	19,559,094	96.6%
21	8,469,713	337,426	8,132,287	96.0%
22	58,961,961	1,069,195	57,892,766	98.2%
Total:	203,557,624	6,531,363	197,026,261	96.8%





# BCAD EMS Report

## BCAD Fleet

3—Frontline ALS

3—South County BLS (*Lava, Downey, Inkom*)

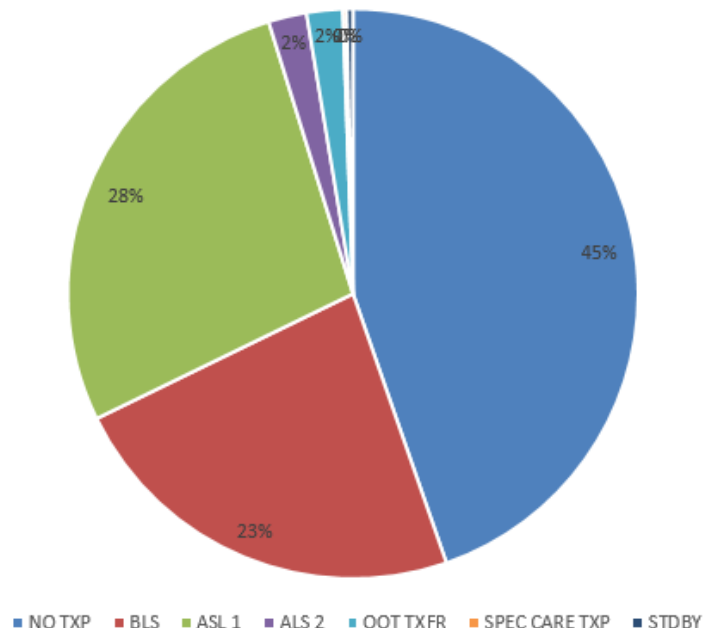
5—Reserve

2—Transfer Ambulances

## EMS Incidents Per Year:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
6580	6547	6562	7124	7641

2022 Calls by Level of Care Provided



## City of Pocatello Dispatcher's Achieve ACE Accreditation

The City of Pocatello and the Pocatello Fire and Police Department are proud to announce the Emergency Communication Center (Dispatch) was awarded the Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) Certification by the [International Academies of Emergency Dispatch \(IAED\)](#).

The Pocatello, Idaho, Emergency Communication Center is the first center in the state to receive this certification and only the 306th in the world. Thanks to years of dedication, hard work, and countless hours, the Dispatch team reached the standards required for this certification.

This great accomplishment benefits not only our police and fire, but also our community. Congratulations to all of the Emergency Communications Officers, Leads, and Supervisors.



# Training Division Report

## Courses/Certifications:

The PFD was able to certify several personnel to the level of FF 1. There was a long hiatus for certification testing due to COVID, the department is excited to get that started again and back on track to better serve the community.

The Bannock County Ambulance District (BCAD) will have a new paramedic ready to join the ranks. Three additional personnel have completed their paramedic course and are now working on completing the clinical component. They will they will receive their national certification in 2023. The department has recently been presented with a fantastic opportunity for the future training of our paramedics here in East Idaho. The BCAD has also initiated an EMT course to train additional volunteers for the South County Ambulances in Lava Hot Springs, Downey and Inkom.

## FOOLS Conference:

In May, the South East Idaho FOOLS conducted a micro conference here in Pocatello with Instructors from Houston Fire, Atlanta Fire and FDNY. This was an outstanding conference that our members were able to attend. Looking forward to that conference again next year.

## ARFF Drill:

PFD and BCAD participated in an FAA required multiagency drill at the Pocatello Airport.

## Training Hours:

PFD Training 2022	Hours
Administration	832
ARFF	266
Driver	249
EMS	2,847
Firefighter	4,360
Hazmat	138
Officer	80
Rescue	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,851</b>





# Fire Prevention Report

In 2022, we added three new fire investigators for a total of 11 to the Pocatello Fire Department Fire Investigation Team. To aid in the certification training, the Pocatello Fire Department, Pocatello Police Department, and the Bannock County Sherriff's Office worked together to hold a training class. The class took over a year to put together. The lead instructor for the class was Todd Soong, who is also a National Fire Academy instructor. He was assisted by other private fire investigators and an ATF officer. The class was a week long that included a live start in a donated structure that was followed by a fire investigation. Other quarterly trainings were held including an experiment on a fire we had earlier in the year. The fire was recreated and different materials were used to start the fire including spray foam, gasoline, and xylene. Four members of the team also attended a 3-day training that was hosted by the IAAI-Idaho chapter that included large vehicle fires, chimney fires, exploding targets, and lithium-ion fires.

For Fire Safety Tips Please Visit <https://www.pocatello.gov/202/Fire-Safety>

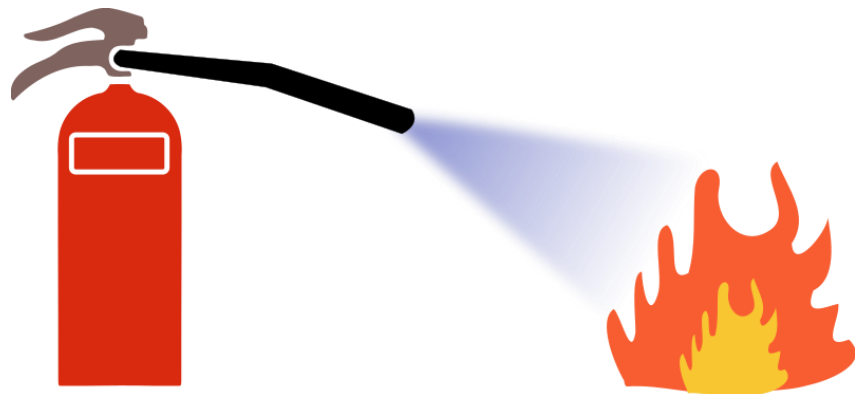
## Fire Investigations: 13

### Fire Inspections:

- ♦ Business Inspections: 708
- ♦ Construction Inspections: 151
- ♦ Plan Reviews: 226

## Fire Education:

- ♦ Presentations: 77
- ♦ Station Tours: 42
- ♦ WUI Property Inspections: 7
- ♦ Juvenile Fire-setter Interventions: 4
- ♦ Public Events: 31



# Prevention Division

## Wildland Urban Interface—WUI

### Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)

Every year, wildfires burn across the country, and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Now nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 US communities are now at risk. But by working together responders and residents can make their neighborhood much safer from wildfire.

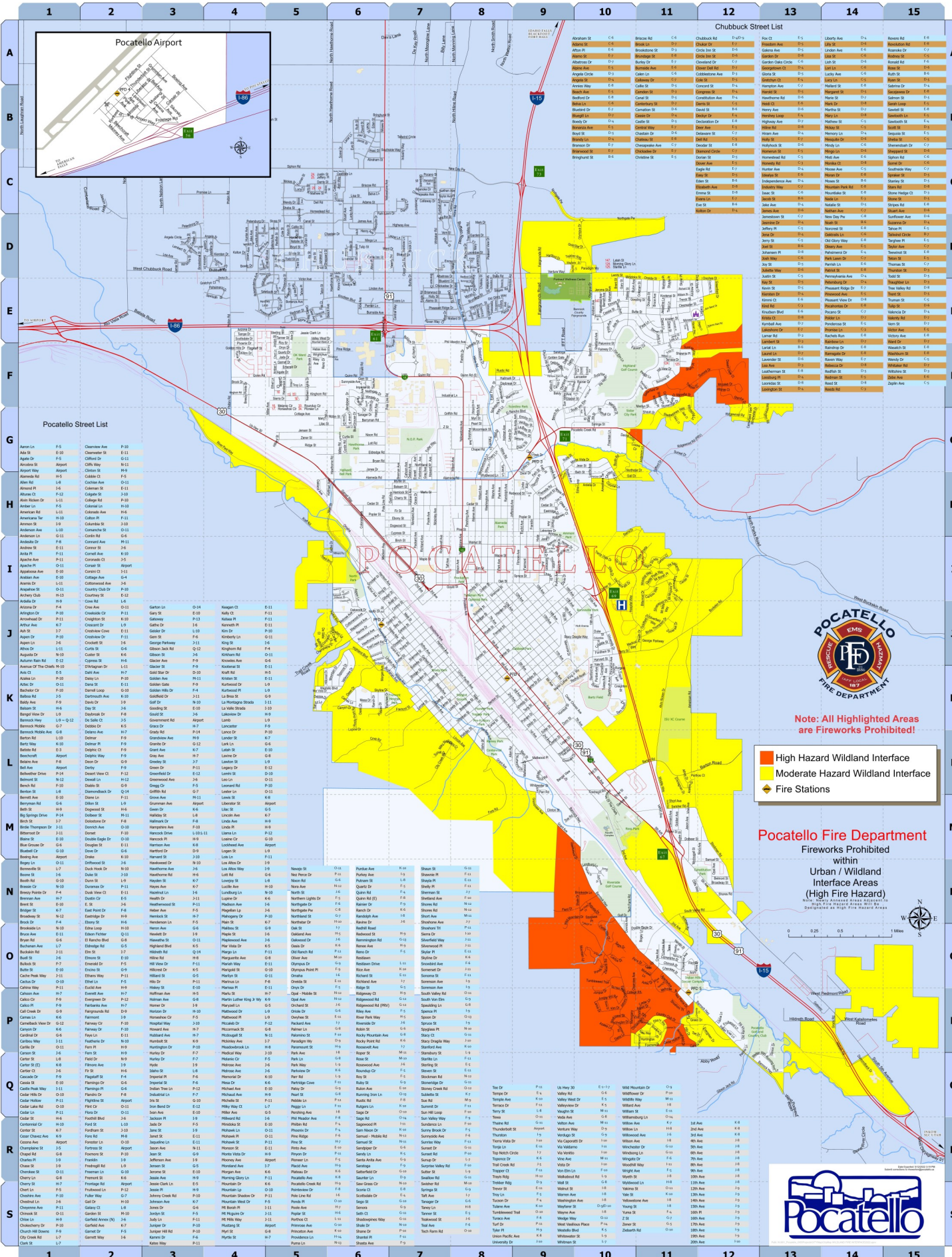
Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) maps highlight areas of varying housing/development density alongside vegetation. These interface areas are at risk of wildfire. Wildfire poses a threat to people, homes, and businesses. It can also destroy native vegetation/Forest, result in soil erosion, kill animals, result in spread of invasive plants, negatively impact air quality, and adversely impact watershed health.

As the City of Pocatello continues to grow, WUI areas are increasing and changing. In 2022 the City, in cooperation with local developers, adopted an updated WUI Code. This update provides builders and developers with clearer requirements for safe building in the interface. As a result the newly developed WUI areas will be safer and less likely to have loss of life and property in the event of a wildfire.





# City of Pocatello WUI Map





# Community Connections

The PFD missed being able to hold public outreach events in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. We are excited to again hold station tours, interact with public and hold Cool Rain in the Parks throughout Summer! To keep up with other interactions with the PFD, please follow us at

<https://www.facebook.com/PocatelloFireDepartment/>

<https://twitter.com/PocatelloFD>



# Awards

## Bannock County Ambulance District (BCAD)

### Bronze Plus for 2022 Mission: Lifeline® - EMS Recognition.

Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition is a program designed to showcase Emergency Medical Service organizations across the nation for excellent STEMI care. Prehospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from cardiac emergencies. The role of EMS in the system-of-care for these patients is crucial and often sets the course for the patient's outcome. The Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition program launched in 2014 and continues to celebrate the achievement of the pre-hospital providers and their collaboration with each other and destination hospitals specific to STEMI patient care.



**South County BCAD Volunteers:** The South County area is served by 3 BLS ambulances staffed entirely by community volunteers.

### Volunteer of the Year 2022: Canda Dimick, Lava Hot Springs.

Canda served for many years as the Lava Ambulance Coordinator. In 2022, she decided to step back from that role, but wanted to remain a volunteer EMT. Canda was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2022 for her dedicated service to the citizens of South County covering 341 Shifts and responding to 136 Calls.

### Incidents per Zone

Lava Hot Springs: 253	(Coordinator Lorrie Lowe)
Downey: 161	(Coordinator Robin Nielsen)
Inkom: 180	(Coordinator Johnny Ketner)





# Promotions, New Hires, Retirements

## Promotions:

**Fire Chief :** Ryan O'Hearn

**Assistant Chief of Operations:** Shane Grow

**Battalion Chief:** Nathan Hauser, Adam Davis

**Captains:** Austin White, Gary Kmetz

**Paramedic:** Brian Christiansen

**Driver Operator:** Kristopher Gokey



## New Hires:

Mason Bailey

Bowen Curtis

Tyson Schwartz



## Retirements:

David Gates, Fire Chief

Jeremy Pincock, Battalion Chief



*Congratulations!*